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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/506,466	Applicant(s) NISHII ET AL.	
	Examiner Omar Abdul-Ali	Art Unit 2109	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the original filing of September 1, 2004. Claims 1-27 are pending and have been considered below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5, 9-12, 16-19, and 23-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gottfurcht et al. (US 7,020,845).

Claims 1, 10, and 17: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device comprising:

a. a selection instruction reception step for receiving a button selection instruction for selecting one button out of a plurality of buttons which embody an identical function respectively, have different attribute values, and are displayed on an input screen (column 8, lines 4-42/Figure 2b). Figure 2b discloses two buttons, My AOL and AOL Home, which both link to an AOL site with different attributes. My AOL is a personalized AOL Homepage, while AOL Home is the basic homepage;

b. a selection instruction information recording step for recording selection instruction information related to the one button based on the selection instruction received at the selection instruction reception step (column 8, lines 4-43);

c. a data outputting step for changing data to be output based on the selection instruction information recorded in the selection instruction information recording step, and outputting the data (column 8, lines 44-62).

Claim 2: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claim 1 above, further comprising:

a. the data outputting step outputs data that is a homepage on an Internet (column 2, lines 20-24).

Claims 3 and 24: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 1 and 2 above, further comprising:

a. the data outputting step changes data to be output by filtering the data based on the selection instruction information recorded in the selection instruction information recording step (column 8, lines 44-62).

Claims 4 and 25: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 1 and 2 above, further comprising:

a. the data outputting step changes data to be output by changing a place of outputting data based on the selection instruction information recorded in the selection instruction information recording step (column 8, lines 44-62).

Claims 5 and 26: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 1 and 2 above, further comprising:

a. the data outputting step changes data to be output by providing the data with a given process based on the selection instruction information recorded in the selection instruction information recording step (column 8, lines 44-62).

Claims 9, 16, 23, and 27: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 1, 10, 17, and 2 above, further comprising:

a. the data outputting step changes a display by selecting and outputting one display data out of a plurality of display data, which can form the display, based on the selection instruction information recorded in the selection instruction information recording step (column 8, lines 44-62).

Claims 11 and 18: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 10 and 17 above, further comprising:

a. the given process is data filtering (column 8, lines 44-62).

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Claims 12 and 19: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 10 and 17 above, further comprising:

- a. the given process is rearrangement of data (column 8, lines 44-62).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6-8, 13-15, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gottfurcht et al. (US 7,020,845) in view of Scheidig (US 7,039,867).

Claims 6, 13, and 20: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claim 5 above, but does not explicitly disclose the given process is a language conversion. Scheidig discloses a similar method and system that further discloses storing a plurality of language versions and changing the language when requested by the user (column 2, lines 12-48). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to change the data by performing a language conversion. One would have been motivated to change the data by performing a language conversion in order to allow users of multiple language backgrounds to use the invention.

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Claims 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22: Gottfurcht discloses a method, server device, and information processing device as in Claims 5, 10, and 17 above, but does not explicitly disclose the given process is conversion of a kanji letter or a hiragana letter. Scheidig discloses a similar method and system that further discloses storing a plurality of language versions and changing the language when requested by the user (column 2, lines 12-48). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to change the data by performing a language conversion. One would have been motivated to change the data by performing a language conversion in order to allow users of multiple language backgrounds to use the invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Abdul-Ali whose telephone number is 571-270-1694. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri(Alternate Fridays Off) 7:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Myhre can be reached on 571-270-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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